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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Training Branch, TSSG/NPIC

SUBJECT : Evaluation of Seminar, "Effects of Technological Development," Executive Seminar Center, Kings Point, New York (September 1969)

1. In general, the seminar was very interesting and I think it was quite worthwhile for me from a research and development outlook. The major theme of the seminar was the applications of (or the non-applications of) new research and technology toward solving some of the major scientific and social problems. These included the problems of health, population, pollution, transportation, food supply, power production, education, housing, etc. A secondary theme of the seminar was that of the establishment of national goals for the solution of these problems and how they are affected by the priorities of the national budget, the defense posture, the space program, and by congressional interests. A third enlightening part of the seminar was a description of the inner workings of the Bureau of the Budget and its direct and indirect effects on national programs and also the inner workings of a Congressional committee and its effects on the size and scope of technical problems.

2. All of the invited speakers were of very high caliber. A few were outstanding and worthy of special notice. Among these were Oscar Bakke, Department of Transportation; Austin Heller, New York City Commissioner; Hugh Loweth, Bureau of the Budget; James Gehrig, Committee Staff Director, U.S. Senate; Dr. Richard Prindle, U.S. Public Health Service; Admiral (ret.) John Hayward, General Dynamics Corporation; Lawrence Hogarth of the Brookings Institute.

3. One of the major factors of success of this seminar is the wide range of Government agencies represented by the 38 participants in the seminar. This varied composition of the group led to a wide spectrum of viewpoints on many of the subjects discussed and the discussion sessions tended to be quite lively. I experienced no problems relative to my affiliation with CIA.

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